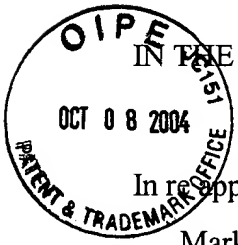


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This is in response to the Final Office Action dated **May 11, 2004**, and is submitted on or before the due date of **October 11, 2004**. A constructive Petition under 1.136(a)(3) for two-month extension of time and the requisite fee of \$215.00 under 1.17(a)(2) are enclosed herewith. The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, including fees under §1.17; or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 08-3038 referencing Atty. Dkt. No. 03528.0131.PCUS00. The Examiner is requested to enter the amendments and reconsider the application.

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